

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION to name the Karner Blue Butterfly as the state insect of Indiana.

Whereas, Porter Lakes Elementary School has been very persistent in their efforts to name the state insect of Indiana as the Karner Blue Butterfly;

Whereas, eleven states have no insect including Indiana, Arizona, Hawaii, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Rhode Island, and West Virginia;

Whereas, in 1992, New Hampshire adopted the Karner Blue Butterfly, also known as the Melissa Blue Butterfly, as their state insect;

Whereas, the Karner Blue Butterfly was listed as an endangered species in 1992 and has been labeled as extinct in Massachusetts, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Ontario, and Illinois;

Whereas, development, fire suppression, conversion of land



for agriculture, and fragmentation have helped to put the Karner Blue Butterflies on the endangered and extinction lists;

Whereas, the Karner Blue Butterfly inhabits only Indiana, New York, New Hampshire, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin- Wisconsin having the largest population of this specific butterfly;

Whereas, Indiana has three known populations of the Karner Blue Butterfly, the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore contains two;

Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives recognizes Porter Lakes Elementary School for their hard work and persistence in their desire to name the Karner Blue Butterfly as Indiana's state insect.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Indiana General Assembly transmit a copy of this resolution to Porter Lakes Elementary School.

